

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)
Ritsuko NAGAO et al)
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Art Unit: 2894)
Examiner: Thanh V. Pham)
Confirmation No: 3327)
For: METHOD OF FABRICATING DISPLAY DEVICE)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of cited US patent and US patent application publications are not submitted herewith.

REFERENCES CITED HEREIN

The Japanese references disclosed herein were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in an Office Action mailed December 16, 2008, in counterpart Japanese application nos. JP 2001-013099 and JP 2004-315626. The EP and US references submitted herein are

family members of a cited Japanese reference, and are being included for the Examiner's benefit.

The family of JP 11-145478 cited herewith includes:
US Patent No. 6,262,436 B1 *
EP Patent No. 0 915 365 A2 *

* (Not cited in the 12/16/2008 JP Office Action)

No inference should be drawn that the attached list sets forth a comprehensive investigation of the prior art, that any or all are pertinent to the invention, or that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention.

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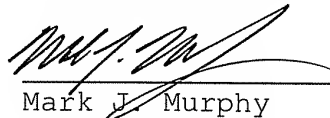
of those documents discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

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Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this IDS be considered after decision on the appeal.

Respectfully submitted,



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